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FINAL CALL.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby Notified that the FINAL CALL of TWO DOLLARS ($2 00) per SHARE has been made, and is PAYABLE at the Company's OFFICES, No. 27, Queen's Road Central, on 9th August, 1897.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested, when Paying the above-mentioned Call, to send to the Acting Secretary their Provisional SHARE CERTIFICATES. These will be retained, and Fully Paid-up Scrip will be issued in lieu thereof in due course.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

CHAS. F. HARTON,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, July 5, 1897. 1329

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Hongkong, March 15, 1897. 543

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Hongkong, July 12, 1897. 2586

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Hongkong, April 26, 1897. 840

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Hongkong, August 5, 1897. 1316

NOTICE.

MR. V. I. REMEDIOS, late Assistant to Mr. J. M. ARMSTRONG, Deceased, begs to inform the General Public that he will as from This Date Carry on the Business of AUCTIONEER and COMMISSION AGENT at the premises known as No. 37, Queen's Road Central, formerly occupied by the said Mr. J. M. ARMSTRONG, Deceased.

Hongkong, August 1, 1897. 1341

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Hongkong, August 7, 1897. 1578

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FOR.	STEAMSHIP.	CAPTAIN.	DATE.
SHANGHAI, N'KI KOBE & YOKO.	*Shanghai*	E. P. BISHOP	Noon, 9th August.
STRAITS & B'BAY	*Hindoostan*	S. DE B. LOCKYER, R.N.R.	About 10th August.
LONDON, &c.	*Thames**	E. R. DOWELL, R.N.R.	Noon 12th August.
JAPAN	*Verona*	C. H. S. TOOQUE, R.N.R.	Noon, 13th August
LONDON	*Java*	J. CHEELEW, R.N.R.	About 19th August.

* See Special Advertisement.

For Freight or Passage, and further Particulars, apply to

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Hongkong August 7, 1897. 1507

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THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 14th day of August Next at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1897.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 24, 1897. 1484

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 31st July Current, to SATURDAY, the 14th day of August Next (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 24, 1897. 1485

TANJONG PAGAR DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED, SINGAPORE.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the appointment of ASSISTANT-MANAGER. Applicants should apply in Writing, and must state Age, Profession, Past Experience, and Terms expected.

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Hongkong, November 5, 1896. 2223

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Hongkong, August 6, 1897. 1526

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HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the Company No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 23rd August, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1897, and of approving by Resolution of the proposed further extension to HUNG HAM MARINE LOT No. 1 on Terms to be Stated.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 23rd August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 5, 1897. 1512

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., Ltd., IN LIQUIDATION.

FINAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMPANY'S ASSETS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the LIQUIDATOR of the above Company having been completed, the Liquidator will Distribute the SURPLUS ASSETS of the Company amongst the Registered SHAREHOLDERS in the proportion of 73½ c. per SHARE.

Upon presentation of Scrip to the Liquidator for Cancellation at his OFFICE on or after 16th August Instant, each SHAREHOLDER will receive an Order on the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION in full Settlement of his CLAIMS against the Company.

Dated in Hongkong this 6th day of August, 1897.

F. MAITLAND,
Liquidator.

1563 DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., Ltd., Victoria Buildings 6, Queen's Road Central.

BOMBAY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been Appointed AGENTS of the above Company, are prepared to accept FIRE RISKS.

TATA & Co.,
M. M. MEHTA,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 5, 1897. 1519

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS on 31st DECEMBER, 1896, £12,433,151.

Authorised Capital..... £3,000,000 0 0
Subscribed Capital..... £2,750,000 0 0
Paid-up Capital..... £687,500 0 0
Fire Funds..... £4,801,014 2 9

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company, we are prepared to Accept SUBSCRIPTION and CHINESE RISKS at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 29, 1897. 1347

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(Established in the Reign of Queen Anne, A.D. 1714).

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1897. 1

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13, *Praya Central.*
Hongkong, April 30, 1897. 396

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Hongkong, November 24, 1894. 1907

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Hongkong, September 3, 1896. 1785

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ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNERS.

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FREDERICK BISHOP,
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To-day's Advertisements

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

No. 15 of 1896.

Re WONG IU HING, lately carrying on Business at No. 51, Bonham Strand, Victoria Hongkong, under the name of TSUI CHEONG.

NOTICE is hereby given that THURSDAY, the 26th day of August, 1897, at 11 o'clock in the AFTERNOON, has been appointed by the COURT for the BANKRUPT to come up for his Discharge.

Dated this 7th day of August, 1897.

KWOK TUN,
1582 *Trustee.*

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Le Si-kiang on Fleure de L'Ouest, by M. C. Imbault Huart	$1.25
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A Treatise on Foreign Powers and Jurisdiction of British Crown, by W. E. Hall	6.00
International Law, by W. E. Hall...	12.50
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Hongkong, August 7, 1897. 1581

To-day's Advertisements.

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SATURDAY AND MONDAY,
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Lecocq's Grand Military and Spectacular Comic Opera,
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WEDNESDAY, August 11th,
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Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half-price to second and back seats only.

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C. A. POLLARD, *Manager,*
Hongkong, August 7, 1897. 1564

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THE Undersigned have received instructions from H. M. NAVAL STOREKEEPER to Sell, by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 18th August, 1897, at Noon, at H. M. NAVAL YARD,—

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Comprising:—

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TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, August 7, 1897. 1543

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FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.



The Steamship
Tekoa
will be despatched as above on or about SATURDAY, the 14th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Hongkong, August 7, 1897. 1579

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON AND LIVERPOOL, *VIA* STRAITS AND USUAL PORTS OF CALL.

(*Taking Cargo at through rates for* GLASGOW, CONTINENTAL PORTS, RIVER PLATE, &c.)



The Co.'s Steamship
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Captain D. DAVIES, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 18th Instant.

For Freight, etc., apply to
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, August 7, 1897. 1552

'SHELL' LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON.



The Co.'s Steamship
Euplectella,
Captain MORRIS, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 20th Instant.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, August 7, 1897. 1567

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

STEAMSHIP *TACOMA,*
FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOJI AND SHANGHAI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, August 7, 1897. 1565

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *SHANGHAI.*

FROM LONDON, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—
From ITALY, ex s. s. *Sutlej.*
From MADRAS, ex s. s. *Secundra.*

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 p.m. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 12th Instant, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here after which no Claims will be recognised.

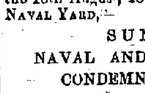
B. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, August 7, 1897. 1555

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	*Vessels.*	*Agents.*	*Date of Leaving*
Australian Ports.....	Ching u (s).....	Butterfield & Swire...	Aug. 10, at 3 p.m.
Bremen & Ports on Con	Bayern (s).....	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	Aug 17, at 9 a.m.
Chefoo & Newchwang	Pasting (s).....	Butterfield & Swire...	Aug. 9, at noon.
Japan Ports.....	Verona (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co....	Aug. 13, at noon.
Kobe	Kamakura Maru (s)...	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Aug. 10, daylight.
London, v. Ports of Cal	..hames (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	Aug 12, at noon.
London & Ports on Co	Pingsuey (s).....	Holliday, Wise & Co..	About Aug. 18.
London, v. Suez Cana	Tantalus (s).....	Butterfield & Swire	August 11.
London, v. Suez Cana	Diomed (s).....	Butterfield & Swire...	August 18.
London, v. Suez Canal	Geneavon (s).....	Jardine, Matheson&Co	About Aug. 21.
London.....	Java (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co....	About Aug. 19.
London.....	Euplectela (s).....	Arnhold, Karberg&Co.	Aug. 20.
Manila.....	Esmeralda (s).....	Shewan, Tomes & Co	Aug 9, at 5 p.m.
Marseille v. Saig	Ernest Simons (s)...	Messageries Maritime	Aug. 18, at noon.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Y'ma	Braemar (s).....	Dodwell, Carlill & Co	Aug. 10, at noon.
New York v. Sue. Cana	Glenfoe (s).....	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Aug 17, at noon.
New York, v. Suez Cana	Frey (s).....	Melchers & Co.....	About Aug. 16.
New York.....	Lundseer.....	Siemssen & Co.....	Quick despatch.
Samarang & Sourabaya	Hupeh (s).....	Butterfield & Swire...	August 12.
S. Francisco, v. Japa	Gaelic (s).....	O. & O. S. S. Co.....	Aug. 14, at noon.
S. Francisco, v. Japa	City of Peking (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Aug. 24, at noon.
San Francisco.....	Heathbank.....	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
Seattle, Washington..	Kagoshima Maru (s)...	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Aug. 12, at noon.
Shanghai	Namoa (s).....	Siemssen & Co.....	Aug 10, at 5 p.m.
Shanghai via Swatow	Kansu (s).....	Butterfield & Swire...	Aug 8, daylight.
Shanghai and Kobe....	Medusa (s).....	Sander & Co.....	August 12.
S'hai, N'ki, K'b & Y'm	Shanghai (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co....	Aug. 9, at noon.
S'hai, Kobe & Y'hama	Tekoa (s).....	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Aug. 14.
S'pore, P'nang & B'oay	Hydaspes (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co....	About August 10.
S'pore, Havr. & H'burg	Kronchild (s).....	Siemssen & Co.....	Aug. 10, at 5 p.m.
S'pore, H're & H'burg	...san a (s).....	Siemssen & Co.....	Aug. 12, at 5 p.m.
S'pore, S'rang & S'baya	Hinsang (s).....	Jardine, Matheson&Co.	Aug. 11, at 4 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & F'sn	Haimun (s).....	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Aug. 8, daylight.
Stow. Amoy & F'chow	Namoa (s).....	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Aug. 9, at noon.
S'tow. Amoy & T'oo.	Thales (s).....	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Aug 10, at noon.
Tacoma (Wash.), &c..	Tacoma (s).....	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Aug. 17, at noon.
Tientsin.....	Lokzang (s).....	Jardine, Matheson&Co.	Aug. 14, at 4 p.m.
Vancouver (B.C.) v.	Empress of China (s)...	Canadian Pac. R. Co.	Aug. 11, at noon.

To-day's Advertisements

FOR SHANGHAI.



The Steamship
Nanyang,
Capt. TH. LEHMANN, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 10th Instant, at 5 p.m.

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Hongkong, August 7, 1897. 1580

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

HEATHBANK, British barque, Capt. Jas. McKechnie.—Standard Oil Co.

ISAAC REED, American ship, Captain F. D. Waldo.—Standard Oil Co.

SPINAWAY, British schooner, Captain E. Johnson.—Siemssen & Co.

WILLKOMMEN, German ship, Captain H. G. Freery.—Order.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

August 6.

Shanghai, British steamer, 2,163, E. P. Bishop, London June 26, and Singapore Aug. 1, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Skuld, Norwegian str., 914, Chr. Rafen, Takao and Chefoo July 28, Coal.—CARLOWITZ & Co.

August 7.

Pasting, British str., from Canton.

Lyeemoon, German steamer, 1,238, G. Heuermann, Shanghai Aug. 5, General.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

Tacoma, British steamer, 1,662, T. A. Whistler, R.N.R., Tacoma July 5, and Shanghai August 3, General.—DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.

Chingtu, British steamer, 1,459, R. Innes, Foochow August 5, Tea.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Mongkut, British steamer, 859, A. W. S. Calder, Bangkok July 31, General.—YUEN FAT HONG.

Oak Branch, British str., 2,064, Scheel, Cardiff June 24, Coal and Coke.—ADMIRALTY.

Loksang, British steamer, 936, Leask, Wuhu July 31, and Chinkiang August 2, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Taicheong, German str., 820, H. Ahrens, Saigon August 3, General.—MEYER & Co.

Hailan, French str., 377, J. O. Gerard, Pakhoi Aug. 4, and Hoihow 6, General.—A. R. MARTY.

Kwang Lee, Chinese steamer, 1,505, R. L. Lincoln, Shanghai August 4, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.

August 6.

Della, for Singapore and Hamburg.

August 7.

Maria Valeria, for Shanghai.
Singkiang, for Manila.
Fushun, for Shanghai.
Monmouthshire, for Amoy and Victoria.

CLEARED.

Oak Branch, for Hakodate.
Kriemhild for Singapore and Hamburg.
Chutsan, for Cebu.
Pasting, for Chefoo.
Freja, for Hoihow.
Haimun, for Swatow.
Else, for Haiphong.
Kansu, for Swatow.
Hailan, for Pakhoi.
Amara, for Singapore.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Shanghai*, for Hongkong: from London, Dr F. Cantlie, and Mr R. W. Hurst; from Penang, 77 Chinese; from Singapore, 246 Chinese. From London: for Shanghai, Mr H. C. Richardson. From Singapore: for Yokohama, Mr G. Scipio.

Per *Lyeemoon*, from Shanghai, Messrs C. Christensen, G. Williams, and R. Horikawa, and 70 Chinese.

Per *Tacoma*, from Tacoma, &c., Mrs A. MacDonald and child, and 30 Chinese.

Per *Mongkut*, from Bangkok 69 Chinese.

Per *Loksang*, from Wuhu, 6 Chinese.

Per *Taicheong*, from Saigon, 45 Chinese.

Per *Kwang Lee*, from Shanghai: for Hongkong, 95 Chinese; for Canton, Mr McClellan.

DEPARTED.

Per *Kunchiang*, for Manila, 85 Chinese.

Per *Fushun*, for Shanghai, 1 European and 60 Chinese.

Per *Monmouthshire*, for Amoy, 210 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per *Freja*, for Hoihow, 150 Chinese.

Per *Haimun*, for Swatow, 4 Europeans and 500 Chinese.

Per *Hailan*, for Pakhoi, 50 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German steamer *Lyeemoon* reports: Fine weather, light Southerly wind from port to port.

The British steamer *Tacoma* reports: Fine weather on Pacific, light monsoon on Coast.

The British steamer *Chingtu* reports: Had light S.W. winds and fine weather, smooth sea.

The British steamer *Mongkut* reports: Left Koh-si-chang July 31st, and had fresh S.W. monsoon and fine weather down the Gulf of Siam, and round to Cape Padaran. From Padaran to Varella, light N.W. winds. Cape Varella to Parcels, moderate E.S.E. to E. winds and fine weather; thence to port, moderate N.E. breeze and sea, showery squally weather. August 5th, at 2 p.m., 60 miles N. of Paracels, met Japanese str., *Miike Maru*, and German steamers *Daphne* and *Petrarch*.

The British steamer *Oak Branch* reports: Strong S.W. monsoon, otherwise usual weather.

The British steamer *Loksang* reports: Strong S.W. wind and heavy sea during first 24 hours, remainder of passage fair, with high S'ly winds and smooth sea.

The Chinese steamer *Kwang Lee* reports: Had fresh to moderate monsoon to Tung Ying Island; from thence to port, light variable wind, with fine weather.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For CANTON.—
Per *Poocan*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 8th August.

For CHEFOO & NEWCHWANG.—
Per *Pasting*, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 9th August.

For SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.—
Per *Shanghai*, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 9th August.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—
Per *Namoa*, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 9th August.

For MANILA.—
Per *Esmeralda*, at 4.30 p.m., on Monday, the 9th August.

For WUCHOW.—
Per *Wingtong*, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 9th August.
Per *Hoi On*, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, the 11th August.

For BANGKOK.—
Per *Taichiow*, at 9.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 10th August.

For SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO.
Per *Thales* at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 10th August.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
Per *Braemar*, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 10th August.
Per *Verona*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 13th August.

For SINGAPORE.—
Per *Senta*, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 10th August.
Per *Glenavon*, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 21st August.

For SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA & VANCOUVER.—
Per *Empress of China*, Registration, at 10 a.m., Letters, at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, the 11th August. (Supplementary Mail on board till time of departure. Extra postage 10 cents.)

For TIENTSIN & CHEFOO.—
Per *Skuld*, at 1.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 11th August.

For SINGAPORE, SAMARANG & SOURABAYA.—
Per *Hinsang*, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 11th August.

For KOBE, YOKOHAMA & SEATTLE.
Per *Kagoshima Maru*, at 10 a.m., on Thursday, the 12th August.

For SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU & SAN FRANCISCO.—
Per *Gaelic*, Registration at 10 a.m., Letters at 11 a.m., on Saturday, the 14th August. (Supplementary Mail on board till time of departure. Extra Postage 10 cents).

For TIENTSIN.—
Per *Loksang*, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 14th August.

Exchange.

HONGKONG, August 7, 1897.

On London—	
Bank, Wire, ...	...1/10⅛
,, On demand, ...	...1/10⅛
,, 30 days' sight, ...	...1/10⅛
,, 4 months' sight, ...	...1/10⅛
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On demand, ...	... 2.35
Credits, 4 months' sight, ...	... 2.31
On Berlin—Demand,...	... 1.90
On New York—	
On demand, ...	... 43⅜
Credits, 60 days' sight,... ...	... 46⅜
On Bombay—	
Wire, ...	... 146
On demand, ...	... 146½
On Calcutta—	
Wire, ...	... 146
On demand, ...	... 146½
On Shanghai—	
On demand, ...	... 75⅜
30 days' sight, (private paper)	... 76⅛
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)...	$55.50
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	$10.54
Silver (per oz)	31½d.

To-day's Advertisements

Shipping.

Daylight.—*Kansu* leaves for Shanghai.
Daylight.—*Haimun* leaves for S'tow, &c.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Hydaspes* not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.

Goods per *Aglaia* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

Shipping.

Noon.—*Pasting* leaves for C'foo, &c.
Noon.—*Namoa* leaves for Coast Ports.
Noon.—*Shanghai* leaves for S'hai, &c.
5 p.m.—*Esmeralda* leaves for Manila.

Miscellaneous.

Final Call of $3 on Shares of The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., payable.

Transfer Books of The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ld., from this date to 23rd August, both days inclusive.

Goods per *Maria Valeria* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, August 12:—
Goods per *Shanghai* not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.

SATURDAY, August 14:—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at City Hall.

TUESDAY, August 17:—
Goods per Steamer *Saghalien* unclaimed after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, August 18:—
Noon.—Auction of Sundries at H. M. Naval Yard.

MONDAY, August 23:—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ld., at the Company's Office, No. 14, Praya Central.

NOW READY.

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Hongkong, April 14, 1897. 1176

BIRTHS.

On the 20th July, at Bangkok, the Wife of STANLEY S. FLOWER, 5th Fusiliers, of a Daughter.

At Norfolk Terrace, 39, Broadway, Shanghai, on the 1st August, the Wife of JOHN FORD, of a Daughter.

DEATH.

On the 29th July at 'Dunearn' the residence of D. C. Neave, Singapore, ROBERT CUMMING HENDRIE, aged 26, second son of the late James Hendrie, Esq., Solicitor, Galston, Ayrshire.

The publication of this issue commenced at 6.00 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1897.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.
(SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER.)

OUTWARD BOUND:—*Hardwick Hall*, July 2; *St. Giles, Middleham Castle*, 6; *Melpomene, Lombard, Oakbranch, Tekoa*, 13; *Patroclus*, 16; *Glenfarg, Maria Rickmers*, 20; *Erato, Ixion, Japan, Laos*, July 23; *Lochtay, St. Ninian*, 27; *Dardanus, Laurel Branch, Benglee*, 30; *Gisela, Hertha, Prinz Heinrich*, August 3; *Dorothea Rickmers, Ellen Rickmers, Elm Branch, Flintshire, Fairness*, 6.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—*Telemar*, 2; *Socotra*, 6; *Sunda*, 13; *Sikh, St. Andrews*, July 23; *Hyson, Ulysses, Wally*, 28; *Elizabeth Rickmers, Aladdin*, 30; *Caledonien, Thekla*, August 3; *Benledi, Formosa*, 6.

VESSELS PASSED ANJER.

OUTWARD:—June 16.—British barque *Heathbank* for Hongkong, from New York Feb. 20. June 28.—British 4-masted barque *Bandaneira* for Nagasaki, from Delaware Bay March 14. June 29.—German ship *Peru* for Hakodate, from Barry Dock March 25. June 29.—American ship *Wm. H. Conner* for Shanghai, from New York March 24. June 29.—American ship *Com. C. H. Allen* for Yokohama, from New York March 15. June 29.—American ship *Edenballymore* for Shanghai, from New York March 17. June 29.—British 4-m. barque *Falls of Ettrick* for Anjer, f.o., from New York Feb. 20. July 2.—Norwegian barque *Columba* for Bangkok, from Delagoa Bay May 28. July 2.—British ship *Wm. Tillie* for Nagasaki, from Philadelphia March 26. July 3.—British ship *Lord Wolseley* for Yokohama, from Pensacola Feb. 23. July 5.—British barque *Benaven* for Hiogo, from Philadelphia March 24. July 9.—German ship *Richard Rickmers* for Singapore, from Cardiff April 2. July 12.—German ship *Kaiser* for Singapore, from Newcastle, N.S.W., May 29.

HOMEWARD:—June 24.—Italian barque *Maria Accama* for Liverpool, from Singapore May 19. June 26.—British barque *Engelhorn* for Boston, from Cebu April 15. July 12.—British ship *Sierra Segura* for Falmouth, from Saigon June 2. July 13.—British barque *Odenbaadoen* for New York, from Singapore. July 14.—Hawaiian barque *Foohing Suey* for New York, from Manila May 25.

Mails.

The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Rosetta*, with the ENGLISH MAIL of July 9th, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 3rd Aug., at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 7th Aug. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on June 3rd.

The P. M. s.s. *City of Peking*, with the AMERICAN MAIL of the 17th July, left Yokohama on Tuesday, the 3rd Aug., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 11th Aug.

The O. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Doric*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on 27th July.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s. s. *Empress of India* left Vancouver for Yokohama, on Monday afternoon, the 2nd August.

Steamers Expected.

The N. Y. K. s. s. *Kamakura Maru*, from London, &c., left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of 2nd Aug., and is expected to arrive here on the 6th Aug.

The C. M. Co.'s s. s. *Oopack*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore for this port this morning, Aug. 4th, and may be expected here on or about the 10th Aug.

The s. s. *Saint Mary*, from Middlesbro' and London, left Singapore on the 4th Aug., and is due here on or about the 10th Aug.

The Austrian Lloyd's s. s. *Medusa* left Singapore for this port on the morning of 5th Aug.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Bombay* left Singapore for this port on the 6th Aug., at 8 a.m.

The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Candia* left Bombay for this port on the afternoon of the 31st July.

The R. M. Line str. *Maria Rickmers*, from Antwerp and Hamburg, passed the Canal on the 22nd July, and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 13th August.

Latest Advices.

The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Borneo*, from China, arrived in London on the afternoon of the 6th Aug.

The s. s. *Tekoa* left Singapore on the 7th Aug., and is due here on or about the 13th Aug.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Patroclus*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the morning of 7th Aug., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, 12th Aug.

The M. M. Co.'s str. *Laos*, with the outward French Mail, left Singapore on the 7th Aug., at 10 a.m.

A GERMAN named Kunke, has been convicted at Singapore, after a prolonged trial, of criminal breach of trust, and has been sentenced to twelve months' rigorous imprisonment. The accused has appealed, and bail has been fixed at $5000.

FOREIGNERS have been accused of kidnapping at Chouping (Shantung) and at Chengtu (Szechuen). In the Chouping case, the British Minister came to the rescue, and the Chinese officials were ordered to prevent the posting of inflammatory placards. Two native kidnappers at Chengtu who endeavoured to escape punishment by stating they stole the children to hand them over to missionaries were put to death—one dog sleeping in his cage, the other by shooting in the public street.

THE Association football cup at Singapore has been won by the Rifle Brigade team, which beat the Corporals of the same Regiment by 4 goals to 0. The winners are reported to have had a very superior team, both for attack and defence.

IT is reported (says the *N.-C. Daily News*) that the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and Deutsche Bank, with possibly a third institution, are negotiating a gold loan of £10,000 to China at a low rate of interest, the price of issue to be something under 85, and the security what remains of the Customs and the salt *gabelle*.

THE Band of the West Yorkshire Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess on Sunday evening, 8th Aug.:—

1.—Processional March 'Daniel' ..... *Moore.*
2.—Overture ..... 'Macbeth' ..... *Hatton.*
3.—Quintette from ..... 'The Meistersinger' ... *Wagner.*
4.—Selection ..... 'The Golden Legend' ... *Sullivan.*
God save the Queen.

Wm.-Geo. Bentley, A.R.C.M., Bandmaster.

ACTING Inspector Hannah, and several Chinese policemen, raided a gambling house, at No. 4 Hing Leung Street yesterday afternoon, and captured ten persons engaged in a game of *pai kau*. The house has been frequently raided. At the Magistracy to-day, before Mr H. E. Wodehouse, the master was fined $100, the assistant master, $50 and the remainder of the prisoners, $10 each.

AT the Magistracy to-day, Mr J. J. Francis, Mr H. J. Gedge and Mr K. W. Mounsey appeared before Mr H. E. Wodehouse in order that his Worship might reconsider his decision of Monday, August 2, in which he sentenced a large number of coolies for being in possession of lethal weapons. Mr Francis asked that the coolies be discharged as the action taken by the Police had evidently settled the disturbance which was anticipated. Inspector Kemp was placed in the witness box and testified that the ill-feeling between the rival Clubs had subsided. The Magistrate said taking the circumstances into consideration, and that in dealing with the case the men had been treated collectively, and the object of the sentence was to secure peace and to prevent a repetition of any disturbance, seeing now that the Inspector was able to give a satisfactory account of the state of affairs, and there was no further disturbance, he thought it was within his province to revise his original sentence. He should treat all the prisoners alike and should dispose of all the cases by binding over each man on one surety of $25 to be of good behaviour for six weeks.

As we have already reported the Executive Council met yesterday afternoon to consider the charges against Mr Osmund, of the Registrar General's Department, and Sanitary Inspector Hore, in connection with the gambling scandal. The Executive Council was sitting as a high Court of Justice, but as the members of the Council are sworn to secrecy it is difficult to obtain official information of the inquiry. According to the Colonial Regulations the Governor signifies to the officer, by a statement in writing, the grounds of the intended suspension, and calls upon him to state in writing any grounds upon which he relies to exculpate himself. If such statement is not furnished within the time fixed by the Government, or if he fails to exculpate himself to the satisfaction of the Governor, the matter is brought before the Executive Council and the officer is allowed to appear before the Council and defend himself orally. He is also permitted to question witnesses; and he is also supplied with a copy of any documentary evidence that is to be used against him. If the Executive Council are of opinion that the officer deserves punishment, but not the full penalty of suspension, the Governor may remove the officer to an office of lower rank in the service, or may require him to serve in his original office at a reduced salary, either permanently or for a stated period, or may deduct a portion of the salary due or about to become due to the officer. Whatever punishment is meted out to the offender the Governor has to report the matter to the Secretary of State for approval and confirmation, transmitting the minutes of Council and all documents relating to the case. It has been stated that the Government has tried to avoid publicity in the matters connected with the gambling scandal, but the Government have a duty to perform to the public in the investigation of this disgraceful affair that entails a certain degree of secrecy. When any definite issue is arrived at the decision will no doubt, as in previous developments, be communicated through the proper sources to the public, but it would simply weaken the hands of the Government were the preliminary stages of the inquiry prematurely disclosed. The members of the Executive Council being bound by their oaths of office the public can only hope to obtain official information of the result of the deliberations of the Executive Council from the head of the administration of the Colony, H.E. the Governor, and it is only fair and reasonable that the public should be informed of the decision.

IF the blood is diseased the body is diseased.—Remember that at the root, whether pure or impure, circulates through the veins of the human body. Lungs, Heart, Stomach, Kidneys, Brain. If it is taken with pot shots after it gives a clean sweep in course. In cases of Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Rheumatism, and Spots, it all finds the effects of Clarke's Blood Mixture. Numerous Thousands of unsolicited cures have been effected in all Climates. Clarke's Blood Mixture. A sole remedy, which has for its sole object the purification of the blood. Sold everywhere, price 4s. 6d. per bottle. Be sure of getting Clarke's Blood Mixture.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation, to the funds of the Hospitals :—

Der A. Wing ... ...$ 3

POLLARD'S Lilliputian Opera Company produced 'The Pirates of Penzance' last night at the Theatre before a good house. Alf. Goulding as the 'Major-General' was very funny, and Willie Stewart created great laughter by his interpretation of the part of 'Sergeant of Police,' the Policeman's chorus being very well done by the children. To-night the Company appear in 'The Little Duke.'

THE President of the Singapore Philharmonic Society is delivering a short course of lectures to the members of the Choir on 'Hints on Sight-Reading.' It has often occurred to us that choirmasters in Hongkong would be well advised to follow a similar course with their choirs. As a matter of fact, choir singing is at a very low ebb in Hongkong. Here is a subject for 'Musicus' to discuss.

MR Erich Georg, in his share report of this date, says :—The business during the week under review has been devoid of any particular interest ; transactions have been small and rates have not changed much. The high rate of exchange on Shanghai still prevents business to that port, while northern holders are trying to sell to the colony rather freely, which has a weakening influence on this market. The negotiations with the American Syndicate having fallen through, Punjoms have been sold at declining rates, viz., from $7.10 to $5¾ per share for ordinaries ; while preference shares have been neglected. I hear that the reconstruction scheme is likely to be taken up again.

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS:—At *Kowloon*—City of Rio.

Aberdeen.—(None).

Cosmopolitan.—West York.

30 NEW PIANOS just arrived ; best makers. Also Cabin and Transposing Pianos, guaranteed for the climate. W. Robinson & Co

THE King of Siam it appears, has telegraphed to Bangkok requesting the royal augurs to name a 'lucky day' for his entry into Siam. December 23, is the lucky day fixed by the friends and intimates of the Siamese gods.—*Siam Free Press*.

THE steamer *St. Mary* arrived at Singapore from London on the 29th July, and discharged into lighters at Pasir Panjang about seventy tons of explosives before taking up a discharging berth at Tanjong Pagar. The steamer *Middleham Castle* also arrived about the same time from Antwerp with gunpowder which was discharged into lighters at Pasir Panjang.

UP to the date of last advices from Washington, Mr Goodnow's appointment as U.S. Consul-General at Shanghai had not been confirmed. Mr John Russell Young, formerly U.S. Minister at Peking, has been appointed Public Librarian, and Mr W. W. Rockhill goes to Athens as U.S. Minister. This is one of the smallest missions, being inferior in rank to that of Corea.

THE representatives of the Belgian syndicate, with the fully signed and ratified copy of the Convention for the Lu-Han Railway, left Shanghai to-day by the M M s.s. *Melbourne* for Brussels, (says the *China Gazette* of the 31st July). As we stated early in the week the Convention has now been ratified in both Brussels and Peking, and we hope early next year to see a commencement made in the work of constructing the railway. Our Belgian friends are to be congratulated upon their success in overcoming difficulties that have frightened away all rivals.

MR Paul Creswick is making his, as yet, most important bid for fame in a romance entitled 'The Temple of Folly' which Mr T. Fisher Unwin is publishing in his Colonial Library. The title is an allusion to Medenham Abbey, the scene of the famous orgies of George Bubb Doddington, the favourite of George the Second. Mr Creswick has, in fact, essayed a historical romance in which he has brought Doddington in, in the picturesque double rôle of perfect gentleman and infamous rake. Doddington, it will be remembered, founded an impious order of Franciscans who worshipped the devil. The names of eleven of the twelve members of this order are handed down to us. The twelfth is unknown. Mr Creswick has made his hero the twelfth and thus fiction steps in where history fears to tread.

THE Chungking correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* wrote on the 20th July:—The native financial world has been much exercised over the failure of a privileged salt hong of the name of Wang which traded in government salt between this and Shasi. They are said to have let in the Shasi banks and others to the tune of a million taels. Such a failure is almost unprecedented as the salt business is a privileged monopoly and, though after long delays, it should steadily yield large profits. The family are one of the reputed wealthiest in the province, and as all the members will be held responsible (*more Sinensi*) the bankers hope in time to recover their debts ; but, in the meantime, the stringency is great as it takes months to get silver up from the coast ; the Viceroy at Chêngtu has been called upon to advance funds to allay the panic and will probably accede to the bankers' petition to this effect.

WRITING on the 28th July, the Newchwang correspondent of the *Mercury* says:—Mr Happer appeared to be in the best of health until six days ago when a slight tingling in that part of the hand he was bitten in was felt. Gradually other symptoms of hydrophobia developed. Dr. Daly at once telegraphed to Saigon for co-operation, and he did all that skill and care could do, but without avail. When it became apparent that the case was hopeless Mr Happer settled all his earthly arrangements and resigned himself to the inevitable. The end came sooner than was expected. Under the circumstance he passed away quietly, the convulsions and other attendant agonies being less severe than in most such cases. Mr Happer was much respected by his staff and by the community generally, and his untimely death has cast quite a gloom over the settlement. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs Happer, who bears her bereavement with much fortitude.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.']

LONDON, August 5.

TURKEY AND CRETE.

The Admirals of the various Squadrons will forcibly oppose any attempt of the Turkish Squadrons to enter Cretan waters.

According to the Turkish papers the Squadron has only gone to the Archipelago for Naval Manœuvres.

GERMANY AND RUSSIA.

The Emperor William of Germany, the Empress, and Prince Hohenlohe have started for Russia.

TYPHOON NOTICE.

The Spanish Consul courteously forwards to us the following telegram :—

Manila, August 6th, at 7.35 p.m.

There is a new depression in the Pacific approaching to the coast, N.E. of Luzon.

WEATHER NOTICE.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory :—

On the 7th at 11.30 a. The barometer has risen over E. Japan, fallen on the S.E. coasts of China and at Bolinao. Another depression seems to be situated in the Pacific to the E. of the Bashee channel, while low pressure extending also over the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast :—moderate or fresh N.E. winds ; fair to showery.

FRENCH CRUISER IN COLLISION.

A DUTCH STEAMER INJURED.

(*Special Telegram to 'Singapore Free Press.'*)

Batavia, July 30.

The K. N. P. M. steamer *Speelman* has arrived here with her plates stoved in on the starboard side, having been in collision with the French cruiser *Duguesclin* to the south of Pulau Dapor.

The damage is all above waterline.

Captain Scherpbier and two native sailors were killed, and four native sailors injured.

The damage sustained by the *Duguesclin* is unknown.

[The *Speelman*, one of the K. N. P. M. steamers running between here and Java, is of 1083 tons, commanded by Captain Scherpbier. She left Singapore on Tuesday morning, with passengers and the European mail, and was probably arriving in Batavia this morning. Pulau Dapor is an island about 20 miles to the N.N.W. of Batavia Harbour, in the direct track of vessels making Tanjong Priok. The collision would probably occur in the early hours of the morning. Capt. Scherpbier is one of the oldest Captains in the K. N. P. service, being about 54, and had been formerly in the employ of the old Netherlands Company. He would naturally be on the bridge at the time of the collision. The colliding vessel, the *Duguesclin* is probably the French armoured cruiser of 5884 tons, Com. Rochefort, but we have been unable to discover that she was in that part of the world. There is also a French barque *Duguesclin* of 1554 tons, hailing from Nantes, but there is less likelihood of this vessel being near Batavia than the cruiser. —*Singapore Free Press.*]

Messrs Melchers and Co. write to us as follows :—

With reference to your notice about the collision between the *Speelman* and the *Dugueschin*, we beg to inform you that the French barque *Dugueschin*, consigned to us, sailed from Cardiff on the 5th May with cargo of coal for Hongkong, and must be now in the neighbourhood of the place where the collision occurred.

We are informed that the French cruiser *Dugueschin* has been withdrawn from the China Station.

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A SNAKE perjury that is *not* hackneyed. Brown relates how, at Croydon the other day, a big snake was camping comfortably beside him in his blankets. The reptile went away to a neighboring hen-roost, collared a chicken, and then came back, fuller and fatter, and passed the rest of the night in Brown's company. One or two little improbabilities may appear in this narrative, but the word of a Brown is sufficient.

A BOATING accident which might have had a fatal termination occurred in Pagoda Reach on the 1st inst. Two German residents, Messrs Rooper and Kupoch, were sailing a small boat, the *Olga*, in the Reach and in gybing their boat capsized. The accident was observed from a houseboat that was lying on the opposite side of the river, and Messrs Callaway and R. Sutherland divested themselves of part of their clothing, jumped into the water and swam to the *Snippet*, which was lying close by, and went to the assistance of the two unfortunates. On reaching the *Olga* they were surprised to find that the two gentlemen had been picked up by a native boat, bound for Shanghai, and had abandoned their craft to its fate. After considerable trouble Messrs Callaway and Sutherland succeeded in righting the *Olga* and getting her baled out and towed her back to Shanghai undamaged, handing her back to Mr Rooper, her owner, with only the loss of an oar.

To return once more to tea this time to the dust therefrom, it is said (writes the Foochow correspondent of the *N.-C. Daily News*) that much friction exists between the Russian firms who have a monopoly of the brick tea trade and the native dealers. Rumour says that the ubiquitous compradore 'gleans' to the extent of about five per cent between the seller and the foreign *Taipans*. This squeeze, for it is rather too heavy to be called a commission has been a growth of years. First, there was a bribe to the compradores to weigh accurately, than not to take too large samples, then to put a moderate amount for bags. Then all this came over again, and so on, as only Chinese know how to carry on the little game. So the teamen are now clamouring for all sort of rules whereby they may know 'where they are.' One enterprising Russian has gone in for the local pattern. It is not to be expected that he will make much of it at first, but business margins are becoming too narrow to allow the 'gleanings' of compradores, and men who cannot talk the lingo in outports will be ousted, and that before long.

COURT APPOINTMENTS AT PEKING.

(*Special Telegram to the 'Chinese Mail.'*)

Peking, August 6.

Consequent upon the death of Li Hung Tsao, President of the Board of Civil Appointments, the Emperor and Empress Dowager have each issued a decree acknowledging his past good services in the administration of his various offices and conferring upon him the usual posthumous honours. Sun Cha Nai (President of the Board of Rites) has been appointed to the post of President of the Board of Civil Appointments, and Shu Ying Kwei (a native of the Province of Kwantung) has been nominated to the Presidency of the Board of Rites. Li Hung Chang has been appointed Chancellor of the Wu Ying Tien (Examining Board).

'FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.

That perhaps the case against Inspector Witchell has been ventilated quite freely enough, and from a strict point of view I think he was very fairly treated.

That consideration for the wife and children might well come in now, and I have little doubt but that everything will be done for them.

That the conviction obtained in the Witchell case will undoubtedly strengthen Captain Superintendent May in his crusade against all and sundry where reasonable proof is obtainable.

That it would be manifestly unfair for me to go a single step beyond the mere announcement of suspension made some time ago.

That many correspondents are anxious to know what specific steps were to be taken by the Crown, but as yet nothing has been definitely decided upon, although I have no reason to doubt a strict investigation will be made.

That the revelation of this corruption has suggested to many minds the re-adoption of the system of licensing gambling-houses started by the late Sir Richard MacDonnell.

That the suggestion is a natural one, as I have before said, but I do not believe it will ever be adopted.

That it was stated at the time, Governor MacDonnell got his authority in the regulations of a certain Ordinance, and it so happened the Gambling Farm was fully organised before the full sanction came from the Colonial Office.

That I can remember of no reason for the delay in the sanction, although the P. & O. packets took from 8 to 10 days from Singapore in those days.

That I am absolutely certain Sir Richard was convinced the adoption of the licensing system was the true cure for corruption in the Police, for facilitating the detention of crime and for improving the finances.

That strong argument against this new system were as raised by many opponents, mainly on the ground of its immorality, and after many ups and downs, the scheme was wrecked by the Secretary of State.

That when it was found bill collectors and house servants could not be depended upon, they were excluded by order from play, but the order was not rigidly enforced.

That the gambling farm ended ingloriously, and a large sum of money, which was ear-marked and set aside under the name of the 'Special Fund,' to be used on behalf of the Chiese community, and them alone.

That a portion of that money was, I believe, used in building the Praya Wall, which is now being removed to widen the street.

That I see the correspondent of the Shanghai *Daily News* goes further than our morning contemporary, and proposes a Lottery like that of Manila.

That it may be admitted the purchase of lottery tickets does not apparently involve a risk so great as that of playing fantan, and losing everything.

That we frequently hear it said that the purchase of Manila Lottery tickets do not do much harm, but when one is asked by people who know the poorer people, the story is very different indeed.

That this correspondent frankly tells us that this Lottery 'might be trusted to prevent the serious drain of money now monthly proceeding from this port to Manila.'

That his general remarks upon our treatment of the Chinese generally, contain some points worthy of consideration.

That we are very much afraid that, as Public Lotteries in England have long ceased to exist, this correspondent will never enjoy the felicity of purchasing a ticket in the Hongkong Government Lottery.

That I saw, the other day, a very pretty Jubilee stamp which hied from Canada.

That the stamp represented a figure of Queen Victoria in 1839, and close beside it another figure of the Queen in 1897, with Canada at the top.

That a friend wanted to know why Hongkong had not procured a stamp with the same good intention.

That about the only explanation that could be given was 'because it wasn't done.'

That I see the correspondent of the *New York Herald's* European edition, speaks of the Jubilee Review at Spithead in a very bitter manner.

That his principal objection was that England could not man the vessels.

That, curiously enough, it is the only ill-natured letter on the great event.

That Naval authorities often tell us that the British seaman (who is a volunteer) is worth twice the man who is forced to serve.

That perhaps this statement (if true) may have some effect upon the ill-natured person who abused the Jubilee Review and its so-called 'balloon ships.'

That it was pointed out more than two years ago how obviously suitable it would be to plant trees on the completed Reclamation near the Bank and the City Hall.

That I have a notion the Head of the Afforestation Department warmly favoured the proposal, and he had much to do with carrying it out.

That we feel the awful glare now, and Goodness knows when the trees will come, because the D. P. W. and the Head of the Afforestation Department are absent on leave.

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ACCORDING to a telegram from official circles in Peking, we now learn that the Emperor has decided to accept the resignation of Viceroy Liu Kun-yih and the Grand Council has proposed to fill up the vacancy by appointing Viceroy Chang Chih-tung of Hu-kwang, who will be succeeded by Viceroy Wang Wen-shao, of Chihli. In the event of these changes being made, it is believed that Li Hung-chang will be requested to return to Chihli [illegible].

CABLE CHESS MATCH.

SINGAPORE *v.* HONGKONG.

The following are the present positions in the Chess Match being played by cable between Hongkong and Singapore :—

GAME I.—RUY LOPEZ.

	White (Singapore).	Black (Hongkong).
1	P—K 4	P—K 4
2	Kt—KB 3	Kt—QB 3
3	B—Kt 5	P—Q 3
4	P—Q 4	P×P
5	Kt×P	B—Q 2
6	Kt—Q B 3	Kt—B 3
7	P—B 4	B—K 2
8	Kt—B 3	Castles
9	Castles	P—Q R 3
10	B—Q 3	R—K sq
11	P—Q Kt 3	P—K R 3

GAME 2.—GIUOCO PIANO.

	White (Hongkong).	Black (Singapore).
1	P—K 4	P—K 4
2	Kt—KB 3	Kt—QB 3
3	B—B 4	B—B 4
4	P—QB 3	Kt—KB 3
5	P—Q Kt 4	B—K 2
6	P—Q 3	P—Q 4
7	P×P	Kt×P
8	Castles	Castles
9	R—K sq	B—B 3
10	P Q Kt 5	Kt—K 4
11	Kt×P	

In publishing the moves in the Interport Chess Match, down to the 7th move, the *Singapore Free Press* remarks :—

'Both games are now at a very interesting stage. From the fact that the moves wired by Singapore in the morning are replied to by Hongkong the same day, it would appear that the chess players there meet in conclave at tiffin time, while the playing Committee here meet after 5 p.m. What with the attractions of golf, biking, tennis, &c., indulged in by the best representatives, it is sometimes difficult to meet together for consultation. However, every effort is made on this side to send early replies.'

Perhaps it is right to state that the Hongkong players meet at Thomas's Grill-room (first floor) every afternoon at 4.30, when, if there is a message from Singapore, the next move is decided upon. It sometimes happens that there is no Singapore message to reply to. Mr Bishop has very kindly placed his room at the disposal of the Hongkong players, and anyone interested in the games is welcome to attend.

REVIEWS.

CHRISTINE OF THE HILLS. By Max Pemberton, author of "The Little Huguenot." London and Bombay: George Bell and Sons; Hongkong: Kelly and Walsh.

This is a romance of the modern type, fascinating and interesting but full of improbabilities. It is one of the best things Max Pemberton has written. The story is that of a Dalmatian girl, beautiful in form and face, who, without instruction, develops extraordinary musical powers and attains the proud position of *prima donna* in the theatre at Vienna. Pemberton does not stop to philosophise like Hugo or George Eliot, he does not revel in scenic description like Back and his school. There is nothing to check the even flow of his narrative, and the result is concentrated interest, without any adventitious aids, from the opening chapter until the end is reached. There are few characters, but all are well drawn and not mere outlines. To our view, none is more subtle and powerful than the old fisherman who tells the story. The ability of a novelist, in a measure, may be measured by his power to reveal a character without any direct description of that character. Here we have a thread of self-interest running through the narrative of the old man ; and there are other touches no less artistic which show that even if Pemberton is not in the first flight as a novelist he has at least a right appreciation of the elemental principles on which a good tale should be modelled. This book is easily read, and is palpably suited to the Colonial appetite.

THE ART JOURNAL. July, 1897. London : J. S. Virtue and Co., Limited.

We have missed several months' issues of this excellent publication, and therefore have lost the opening parts of one or two of the contributions to this number. To lovers of pictures and art treasures of every description the *Journal* should be indispensable, and even the amateur who makes no pretentions claim to be an art *connoisseur* will find its pages full of interest and helpful in developing his artistic perception and his appreciation of the beautiful. All the articles in the present number are illustrated. There is a notice of the Paris salons of 1897, a second article on 'The Royal Holloway College Collection' of pictures, and another on Mr George McCulloch's rich collection. Claud Phillips has something to say on the new Gainsboroughs at the National Gallery, and Arsène Alexandre writes a friendly notice of Professor Legros and his work. Three articles are of wider interest than the rest. 'Art in the Home' is an attempt by W. Scott Morton to aid people of limited artistic perception to decorate the interior of their homes. The present article deals with the Dining, Room and the Entrance Hall and Staircase. Cosmo Monkhouse writes of the ceramics of 'a Northern Home,' and there is an unsigned article on 'The Arts and Industries of To-day.' We cannot close our notice of a first-class number without mentioning the etching. It is a reproduction of P. A. J. Dagnan-Bouveret's 'In the Louvre,' the picture of a young French girl transferring to canvas, as thousands have done before her, Watteau's masterpiece 'The Embarkation for Cythera.' The details of the picture are well brought out, and the etcher has caught the expression admirably.

A PADRE IN PARTIBUS. By the Rev. George M. Reith, M.A. Singapore ; The Singapore and Straits Printing Office; Hongkong : Messrs Kelly and Walsh, Ltd.

This is a volume of notes and impressions of a brief holiday tour through Java, the Eastern Archipelago and Siam. The diary was originally published in the form of letters to the *Singapore Free Press*, written at or near the places described, and as everything is interesting to a stranger visiting a new country, the author gives us his earliest impressions of the scenes he visited, and has presented a book of sketches of a light and popular character. The sketches are cleverly written, the author alternating between grave and gay as influenced by his surroundings, and there is not a dull line in the book. Possessed of a rare fund of humour, the peculiarities of the scenes witnessed are pourtrayed in a racy style, and the sketches are punctuated by amusing anecdotes, while some of the descriptions of scenery are beautifully executed word pictures.

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MR Dox, of the Chinese Protectorate at Singapore, who is at present at home on leave, will not return to Singapore owing to the delicate state of his health, and it is said he will retire on pension in September.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PREVENTION BETTER THAN CURE.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Dear Sir,—Perhaps it would be well, in view of the exceeding great temptations to the Police Force in this Colony to see that our Police are well housed and well paid. Some of the men have had to live under conditions the reverse of healthy and sanitary (see Captain May's reports), and the pay of the men, both married and single, is miserably inadequate. Double the pay of an English constable would seem only fair, when relations have to be supported at home and the dollar is worth less than 2s. To be able to save £100 in fifteen years, and that by a 'zealous, steady and efficient' man with the rank of Inspector, is a poor incentive to honesty. Men do not come East for the benefit of their health, but to make money. Thanking you in anticipation.—I am, etc.,

FAIR PAY AND FAIR PLAY.

Hongkong, August 7.

DEATH OF A PROMINENT CHINESE COURT OFFICER.

Shanghai, August 3.

Peking, according to an Imperial edict of the 31st July last, has lost a well-known personage in the death of Li Hung-tsao, Assistant Grand Secretary and President of the Board of Civil Appointments, on the 30th July after a lingering paralytic illness of many months. The late Assistant Grand Secretary was a native of Chihli province, which therefore loses two out of three of her most prominent men, *viz* :—The late Grand Secretary Chang Chih-wan (cousin of the Viceroy Chang Chih-tung at Wuchang) who died last June, and the subject of the present sketch—the third and most famous being the well-known Chang Chih-tung, Viceroy of the provinces of Hunan and Hupeh.

Through the similarity of his name to the brothers, the ex-Viceroy Li Han-chang and Li Hung-chang, Li Hung-tsao has frequently been mistaken for a brother also of their's—even Chinese who do not keep in touch with mandarindom have been apt to make the same mistake—but the latter are natives of Anhui, on the Yangtze, while the deceased official was native of the Imperial Province. Li Hung-tsao, since becoming a Metropolitan official in 1861, had made quite a name in the capital as a man of high literary abilities, possessed of an irascible temper (which came near ruining his career,) but rugged honesty and bigoted conservatism of the rigid Confucian School of the capital. For many years he held the post of President of the Board of Rites which suited admirably the character and tastes of the man. His Sovereigns—T'ung Chih, the Dowager-Empress Regent, and Kuang Hsü—seldom took any notice of him or gave him chances to benefit his private purse ; but whenever there happened to be matters to be investigated which required a man of ability and strict integrity to do it, they never failed to appoint Li Hung-tsao to the post. Also, when literary questions occurred which required delicate handling in order to keep firm the loyalty of the great body of *literati* of the Empire, the abilities and profound literary talents of the deceased were always to the fore, specially selected for the occasion, but seldom rewarded after the crisis was over. But the time came when even the proverbial short-memory of a Court felt ashamed to pass him by unacknowledged any longer, Li Hung-tsao was elevated late last year to the dignity of an Assistant Grand Secretary, and in order to give him better emoluments of office, he was also transferred from the Presidency of the Board of Rites to that of Civil Appointments. For in spite of his thirty odd years of high office, Li Hung-tsao was a comparatively poor man with nothing more than a thousand or so *mow* of ancestral wheat fields to provide the wants of himself and his family if he had retired from office last year. But his promotions came in too late—soon after a severe attack of paralysis—and before he had enjoyed his brilliant position for a twelvemonth he had succumbed to his malady. The following is his official record as taken from the Official Red Book ;—Literary Chancellor of Honan province 1859 ; Appointed Imperial Tutor to Emperor T'ung Chih, 1861 ; Minister of the Tsungli Yamên 1876 ; President of the Board of War 1881 ; Member of the Grand Council 1881 ; President of the Board of Civil Appointments 1882 ; degraded and dismissed from office 1884 ; returned to the public service and appointed sub-Chancellor of the Grand Secretariat 1885 ; Vice President of the Board of Civil Appointments, December 1885 ; President, Board of Rites 1887 ; sent to investigate Yellow River Frauds 1887 ; cashiered but retained in office as acting Director-General of the Yellow River, 1888 ; returned to Peking autumn of same year ; reappointed President Board of Rites 1889 ; reappointed Minister Tsungli Yamên 1895 ; appointed Assistant Grand Secretary and President Board of Civil Appointments, 1896 ; Died 30th July 1897, *ætat* 78.

As a recognition of his eminent services to the State, according to the decree above noted, he has been given the posthumous honour of a Grand Preceptor of the Heir Apparent, and his funeral obsequies are to be conducted on the scale of a Grand Secretary with privilege of having his remains sent under Imperial auspices, to his native city in Chihli province. A T'olo prayer coverlet was also sent by the Emperor for a shroud for the deceased Minister, while a Prince of the Imperial House was commanded to sacrifice before the remains on behalf of his Majesty. His sons, Li K'un-ying and Li Yao-ying, are promoted to be Secretaries of the Six Boards, while his grandson Li Chung-t'ung is given the honorary degree of Master of Arts (*chüjen*), with privilege to compete at the Doctor's examinations (*chinshih*) next year—at the end of the latter's mourning of one year.—*N.-C. Daily News*.

THE *Produce World* points out that in Borneo, consumption amongst Europeans is unknown, and a month's stay in the island effects a perfect cure for asthma.

DURING the week ended June 28, £116 worth of cycles were exported to Singapore, and £65 to Penang.

THE first instalment of the Singapore Municipal Loan has been fully subscribed. Tenderers under par will only receive a portion of the amount they have applied for.

THE generous gift recently made by the Misses Lane to the National Gallery of six Gainsboroughs and a small oval portrait of the master by Zoffany, is one of the most acceptable that the great collection of British masters has received for a number of years. Made with commendable simplicity, without flourish of trumpet or roll of drum, it is quite possible that it may be under-estimated; and the more so because the pictures included in the gift, though exquisite of their kind, are not exactly of a sensational character. Each, however, is charming in its particular style, and one of them—the portrait-study of two dogs—shows Gainsborough in a rôle in which he was not hitherto to be studied in the national collection.—Mr Claude Phillips in *The Art Journal* for July.

THE NEW CHINESE LOAN.

'Mac' writes as follows in the *Shanghai Mercury* :—

In connection with the proposed loan through the Hongkong Bank we notice that the Internal Revenue is talked of as the security. By this we suppose is not meant the land taxes, but the *likin*. And if the *likin* is to be taken as security, it must mean that the *likin* of either all the provinces or a few of the leading ones should be placed under foreign direction, much as the foreign customs. We hardly suppose the *likin* would be taken as security if it remained in the present hands. The proposal shows that Chinese finances in Chinese hands can never be taken as a reliable guarantee. No one will trust the Chinese financier.

Here, too, may be a blessing for China, not merely in knocking to pieces her pride, but in causing a reform to be brought about. If the *likin* of even a few provinces could be placed under foreign management, another example of honesty could be set before the rulers of the land. Only it might not prove to be an example, seeing that the Customs service has all these years failed to be an example that would be followed. The Chinese have more the habit of praising some foreign method than of strictly adopting it. Any reform or improvement in the country can only be carried out by placing the foreigner in complete control.

It may be that the best way to bring about the much needed reforms will come from the pressure that is now placed on the Government in Peking to find a security for a loan. It would be a most desirable lesson if the matter could be clearly stated ; no reform, no loan ; with reform then a loan.

Another satisfactory feature of the proposed loan is that the Chinese Government is dealing directly with a bank and not with a foreign minister or Government. In this way the sovereignty of China is not threatened.

Whether this particular loan will be made or not we dare not say, but in the abstract the Hongkong Bank is as satisfactory and safe a party to deal with as can be found in the present critical condition of China.

BURNING OF THE *BELLE OF BATH*.

The American papers to hand give the following account of the American ship *Belle of Bath*, Capt Curtis, burnt at sea while on her voyage from New York to Hongkong with a cargo of kerosene oil :—

Seventeen shipwrecked sailors, who just arrived here on the Prince line steamship *Sardinian Prince*, from South America and West Indian ports, tell of a battle with that most dreaded of all enemies at sea—fire. The men embarked at Barbadoes, having been forwarded from there by the United States Consul. The men belonged to the American ship *Belle of Bath*, which was burned at sea on June 13th, about 150 miles eastward of Barbadoes. Their trip was one which they are never likely to forget.

The *Belle of Bath* left this port on June 2nd, clearing for Hongkong with a cargo of kerosene oil. All went well until June 9th, when the first week's journey was at an end. The ship was sailing along in fairly good weather when suddenly it sprung a leak. Captain Curtis ordered all hands to the pumps promptly, as the leak was found to be a bad one. The water gained upon them steadily and every moment it looked as if the vessel would go to the bottom. After twenty-four hours of constant work the water was reduced in the hold, but the leak could not be stopped and the crew worked in relays for nine days pumping the water out. When the men were almost exhausted on Friday afternoon and some of them were on the verge of collapse, the cry of 'fire' rang through the ship. First Mate Old detected little clouds of smoke coming from the forecastle and quickly sounded the alarm. Captain Curtis, who was below snatching a few minutes sleep, sprang on deck and ordered the hatches closed down. In a few minutes dense smoke poured out of the forcastle, accompanied by flames. The fire was soon shooting high in the air and, fanned by a breeze, was threatening the whole ship. Captain Curtis realized at once that his vessel was doomed and that to endeavor to fight the fire would be useless and dangerous. Boats were hastily provisioned and the order was given by the captain to lower them at once. With marvelous rapidity the flames spread all over the ship and the men were forced to make haste in getting away. The boats dropped away to leeward and the men put to the oars and rowed away to a safe distance. By this time the ship was a blazing furnace. The flames had reached the oil and burst out from every part of the vessel. When the flames had eaten their way into the hold a tremendous explosion was heard. The decks of the ship flew up, the sides burst and a great body of smoke and flame filled the air. It took perhaps half an hour to finish the work. When the smoke died away the men in the yawl could see the *Belle of Bath* had been burned to the water's edge. A heavy sea was running, and with every sweep of the oars the little lifeboat was in imminent danger of being swamped. Under light canvas 120 miles were made and after twenty-four hours' struggling in the rough waters land was sighted. It was early Sunday morning and the crew offered prayers for their escape.

'SNAKE bike' is the new sport at Penang. A few days ago a Penang gentleman whilst riding on a bicycle passed over a snake and killed it in his compound. A day or two afterwards, his wife, also whilst riding on a bicycle, killed a snake in a similar manner in the Residency grounds.

A WELL-KNOWN resident of Shanghai is going home next mail to put in three months study of the Scotland Yard Police system, by permission of Sir Edward Bradford, to qualify himself for the post of Captain Superintedent of the Shanghai Police Force! Almost incredible, but a fact.—*China Gazette*.

THE Chinese Government is just now in active negotiations with representatives of foreign syndicates at present in Shanghai, for the loan of Tls. 100,000,000, out of which it is proposed to clear off the War Indemnity, and the arrangements are so far gradually assuming something like tangible shape. It is reported that two of the syndicates may combine to handle the loan between them.—*Mercury*.

FROM the following advertisement in the *Times* of the 23rd of June the *N.-C. Daily News* learns that a sad accident has befallen a popular Shanghailander now at home on leave :—

Caution to Bankers.—A letter of Credit for £250 No. [illegible], dated Shanghai, 20th April, 1897, upon the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, London, in favour of A. P. Wood, Esq., has been Lost. Bankers on the Continent and elsewhere are hereby cautioned not to buy drafts under same.

ANOTHER GREAT CHINESE RAILWAY PROPOSED.

Shanghai, Aug. 2.

From native circles we learn that last year a wealthy Chinaman of the rank of Taotai petitioned the Peking authorities on the advisability of building a railway from Tsing-Kiang-pu to Tientsin or Peking, stating that he is prepared to do it himself. It is said that he has seventy millions deposited with the native banks ready for this work, which statement has since been verified by Hu Yuen-mei, the Governor of Peking sending the Magistrate of Ta-huan Hsien to the establishments to ascertain the facts. As soon as H. E. Wang Wen-shao, the Viceroy of Chihli, who is now consulting with Peking, shall have issued the necessary permission, the applicant will proceed with the work. Should this railway become an accomplished fact the importance of Shanghai as a commercial centre would be affected.—*Daily Press* (Sh'ai.)

THE STRAITS OPIUM AND SPIRIT FARMS.

Singapore, July 31.

The time for receiving tenders for the opium and spirit farms of Singapore, Penang, Malacca and the Dindings expired at noon to-day. Government fixes the maximum rates at which opium shall be sold, and for the sole right to sell the drug, at that or a lower price, tenders are sent in, the highest bid usually being accepted. The rate per *chi* (one tenth of a tahil, about 60 grains) for this year is 26 cents for Singapore ; 24 cents for Penang, the Dindings, and Malacca Town ; 17 cents for Malacca country. Alternative tenders at 26 cents are called for Penang and the Dindings. Tenders are usually for three years, but one, two or three years may be tendered for. The annual revenue derived from the combined farms, commencing in 1895, was ;—

Singapore	$1,416,000
Penang	855,600
Malacca	159,000
	$2,430,600

Thus more than half the revenue of the Colony is derived from this source. It may be mentioned that the last triennial letting showed a slight increase of $66,600 over the preceding one. There is a general opinion prevailing, however, that at this figure the farmers have made very handsome profits, although, of course it would be asking too much of human nature for them to admit it. Pooling among the tenderers, too, has been hinted at, permissible from a commercial point of view, but unfortunate for the Colony. As a matter of fact there are hardly enough rich Chinamen, capable of managing a big concern like the opium and spirit farm, to make the competition really effective—from a revenue point of view. Rumours have been heard of European management and capital being employed in this lucrative but somewhat speculative business. Considering the difficulty of preventing smuggling, and taking into account the fact that the consumption of opium is mainly by Chinese, the control of the trade would have to be largely entrusted to Chinese hands and there is a not unfounded suspicion that the profits would be diverted to other pockets than those of the farmer. The same argument applies with double force to the Government undertaking the collection of the excise from opium and spirits. We have therefore to fall back on our Chinese friends, and we trust for the benefit of the Colony's funds the spirit of *lawan* has been abroad.

[Our Singapore correspondent telegraphed on the 3rd inst. that tenders had been submitted showing an increase of $500,000 to the revenue of the Colony.—ED., *C. M.*]

AT 64-pounder gun practice at Teregeh, Singapore, on the 30th July, with the 38th Co. S.D., R.A. a curious thing is stated to have happened when the last salvo was fired at about 1800 yards, the target being the stationary barrel target used at elementary practice. Both guns were fired simultaneously, the projectiles being plugged shell, and the shell struck together just on or before reaching the target, both breaking up into pieces and smashing the target. This is almost, if not quite, unprecedented. —*Free Press*.

CHURCH SERVICES.

ORDER OF CHORAL SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.—9TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Matins :—Responses, Ferial ; Venite, Hayes ; Psalms, Turle (from Purcell) and Turle ; Te Deum, Roland, Smart in C ; Benedictus, Havergal in E ; Hymns, 279 and 265 ; Offertory Hymn, 545.

Evensong :—Responses, Ferial ; Psalms, Goss, Stainer and Soaper ; Magnificat, Smart in E ; Nunc Dimittis, Garrett in D ; Hymns, 527, 22 and 271 ; Voluntaries, 'Festal March,' Calkin 'Melody,' Marshall.

UNION CHURCH.—AUG. 8.

11 a.m. :—Voluntary, Andante, W. T. Best ; Hymn, No. 216 (Groningen), J. Neander ; Psalm, No. 110 (Double Chant), Mornington ; Anthem, No. 18 'O Love the Lord,' Sullivan ; Hymn, No. 274 (Trust), Torrance ; Hymn, No. 329 (Via Crucis), Barnby ; Voluntary, 'March of the Philistines,' from the Oratorio 'Samuel,' Dr Steggall.

6 p.m. :—Voluntary, Andante from the Organ Fantasia, Hoyte ; Hymn, No. 226 (Quam Delecta), Jeuner ; Hymn, No. 16 (Hanover), Croft ; Hymn, No. 146 (St. Cuthbert), Dykes ; Hymn, No. 154 (Stephanos), Baker ; Hymn, No. 156 (Eden), Mason ; 'Introduction and Fugue,' F. Gaebler.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.—SUNDAY, AUG. 8.

10.30 a.m. :—Hymns, 561, 554, 556, 228.

11.30 a.m. —Holy Communion ; Hymns, 704.

6 p.m. :—Hymns, 239, 266, 267, 961 ; Psalm, XXXV-XXXVII.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, August 7, 1897.

OPIUM—	New Patna, cash, ...	716¼
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"	Persian, Paper tied	600/620
"	Allowance, Taels, ...	4/8

Hongkong Register.

	Previous day at 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer ...	29.70	29.7[illegible]	29.6[illegible]
Temperature	85	85	81
Humidity ...	74	76	73
Direction of Wind ...	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Force ...	2	1	0
Weather ...	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rain ...	[illegible]	—	[illegible]

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Hongkong Observatory, August 7, 1897.

Notices to Consignees.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Chelydra* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 6 p.m. of the 6th Instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, August 5, 1897. 1549

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *HYDASPES*.

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo —

From PERSIAN GULF, ex s.s. *Kapurthala*.

Goods not cleared by the 8th Instant, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, August 2, 1897. 1522

STEAMSHIP *SAGHALIEN*.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London and Havre, ex S.S. *Sidon*, from Bordeaux, ex S.S. *Ville d'Arras* and *Prie d'Leroy Lallier*, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before NOON, TO-DAY (TUESDAY), requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after TUESDAY, the 17th Instant, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before TUESDAY, the 10th Instant, or they will not be recognised.

All Damaged Packages will be examined on TUESDAY, the 10th Instant, at 4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 3, 1897. 1533

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Iglaia*, Captain L. MADSEN having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-MORROW.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LD., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th Aug., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 8th August, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 2, 1897. 1535

Intimations.

SIEN TING,
Surgeon Dentist,
No. 10, D'AGUILAR STREET.

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Hongkong, April 6, 1895. 632

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FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.



The Co.'s steamship *Haimun*, Captain BATHURST, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 8th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, August 7, 1897. 1550

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW & SHANGHAI.



The Co.'s Steamship *Kansu*, Captain SOMMERVILLE, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 8th August, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 7, 1897. 1542

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.



The Co.'s Steamship *Chingtu*, Captain INNES, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 10th August, at 3 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly-qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for Return by the Steamers of the Eastern and Australian S. S. Co., and *vice versâ*.

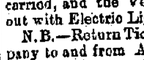
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Hongkong, July 28, 1897. 1489

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA.



The Co.'s Steamship *Hinsang*, Captain CROCKETT, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 11th August, at 4 p.m.

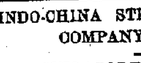
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Hongkong, August 5, 1897. 1548

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.



The Steamship *Ghazee*, to be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 11th August.

S.S. *Lemnos*, to sail about 22nd Aug., 1897.

S.S. *Pathan*, to sail about 10th Sept., 1897.

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Agents.

Hongkong, July 28, 1897. 1493

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship *Tantalus*, Captain HANNAH, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 11th Instant.

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Hongkong, August 3, 1897. 1528

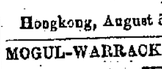
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The Co.'s Steamship *Kagoshima Maru*, Capt. W. THOMPSEN, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 12th August, at Noon.

Consular Invoices of Goods for the United States should be in Quadruplicate, and one Copy must be mailed by the Steamer to the care of the Freight Agent, Great Northern Railway, Seattle, Wash.

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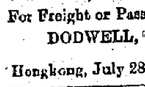
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Hongkong, July 29, 1897. 1497

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

(*Taking Cargo at through rates to* ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN).

The Steamship *Senta*, Captain T. VOSS, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 12th Instant, at 5 p.m.



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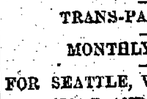
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Hongkong, August 3, 1897. 1531

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship *Frey* will be despatched as above about 15th August, s.o.



For Freight, apply to

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Hongkong, July 19, 1897. 1440

Shipping.

Steamers.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR CHEFOO AND NEWCHWANG.



The Co.'s Steamship *Paoting*, Captain GILES, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 9th August, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 6, 1896. 1541

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.



The Co.'s Steamship *Namoa*, Captain HALL, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 9th Instant, at Noon.

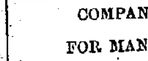
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Hongkong, August 6, 1897. 1559

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).



The Co.'s Steamship *Esmeralda*, Captain TAYLER, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 9th Instant, at 5 p.m.

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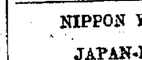
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Hongkong, August 6, 1897. 1562

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-EUROPE LINE.

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).



The Co.'s Steamship *Kamakura Maru*, Captain N. TRENNT, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 10th Instant, at Daylight.

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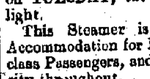
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Hongkong, August 3, 1897. 1536

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.



The Co.'s Steamship *Thales*, Captain DOUGLAS, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 10th Instant, at Noon.

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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, August 6, 1897. 1560

WARRACK LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship *Brenmar*, Captain PORTER, will be despatched for the above Ports at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 10th August.

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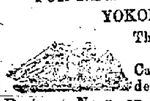
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Hongkong, August 6, 1897. 1512

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

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The Steamship *Krimhild*, Captain TH. FORCK, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 10th Inst., at 5 p.m.



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Hongkong, August 3, 1897. 1532

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY,
(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.)

STEAM TO SHANGHAI & KOBE.



The Co.'s Steamship *Medusa*, Captain T. ANDROVICH, will leave for the above Places on THURSDAY, the 12th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, August 5, 1897. 1551

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA.



The Co.'s Steamship *Hupeh*, Captain QUAIL, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 12th August.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 6, 1897. 1526

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN (DIRECT).



The Co.'s Steamship *Loksang*, Captain ISAAK, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 14th August, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, August 4, 1897. 1545

Shipping.

Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.



The Co.'s Steamship *Diomed*, Captain BARTLETT, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 18th Instant.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 5, 1897. 2527

'GLEN' LINE OF STEAM PACKETS

FOR LONDON *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.



The Steamship *Glenaton*, Captain PITBIE, will be despatched as above on or about SATURDAY, the 21st Instant.

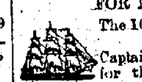
For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 5, 1897. 1554

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.



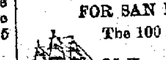
The 100 *A.I.* American Ship *Landseer*, Captain STAHL, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, July 5, 1897. 1327

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.



The 100 *A.I.* British barque *Heathbank*, McKECHNIE, Master, shortly expected, will load here for the above Port and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, June 16, 1897. 1212

Mails.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS;
ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Bayern	Tuesday ...	August 17.
Prinz Heinrich	Tuesday	Sept. 14.
Preussen	Tuesday ...	October 12.
Sachsen.....	Tuesday ...	November 9.
Bayern.....	Tuesday ...	December 7.
Prinz Heinrich	Tuesday ...	January 4.

ON TUESDAY, the 17th day of August, 1897, at 9 a.m., the Company's S.S. *BAYERN*, Captain E. PREHN, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, *calling at* NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted to Noon, on SATURDAY, the 14th August. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 p.m., on MONDAY, the 16th August, and Parcels will be received (at the Agency's Office) until Noon, on MONDAY, the 16th August. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 23, 1897. 1455

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILWAY COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this LINE to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and CANADA and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON, £47.

Excellent accommodation. First class Table. DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK, £41.

The Railroad travelling is second to none in the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA, £28.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Tacoma.....	2,543	Tuesday....	Aug. 17.
Victoria....	3,167	Tuesday....	Sept. 7.
Olympia.....	2,608	Tuesday....	Sept. 28.
Columbia....	2,605	Tuesday....	Oct. 19.
Tacoma.....	2,543	Tuesday....	Nov. 9.
Victoria....	3,167	Tuesday....	Nov. 30.

THE Steamship *TACOMA*, Captain WHISTLER R.N.R., sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 17th August, will proceed to VICTORIA, (B.C.), and TACOMA (Wash.), via SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate, and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of The Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railway, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 p.m., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, August 6, 1897. 1563

Mails.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, *VIA* THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	SATURDAY, August 14, at noon.
Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and H'lulu)	THURSDAY, Sept. 2, at noon.
Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and H'lulu).	TUESDAY, Sept. 21, at noon.

THE Steamship *GAELIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *vid* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 14th August, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (*or vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 2 1897. 1468

U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Peking (via S'hai, N'saki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & H'lulu)...	TUESDAY, August 24, at noon.
China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama).....	SATURDAY, Sept. 11, at noon.
Peru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & H'lulu)....	THURSDAY, Sept. 30, at noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship *CITY OF PEKING* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 24th August, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States rate, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, *viâ* Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked in address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

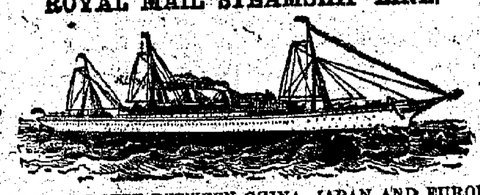
For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, August 2, 1897. 1469

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

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THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, *VIA* CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.
(*Calling at* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.)
SAFETY—SPEED—PUNCTUALITY.
Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. ARCHIBALD, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 11th Aug./97.
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. C. P. MARSHALL, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 1st Sept./97.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. H. PYBUS, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 29th Sept./97.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.), in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers booked through to all principal points AROUND THE WORLD.

Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

CIRCULAR PACIFIC TOUR TICKETS Hongkong to Vancouver, Vancouver to Sydney Australia via Honolulu, and Sydney to Hongkong via Brisbane and Torres Straits, Good for 9 months £100.

The attractive features of this Company's route, embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, etc., apply to

D. E. BROWN, *General Agent,*
PEDDER STREET.

Hongkong, July 21, 1897. 1431

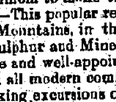
C. P. R. SUMMER TRIPS.

SPECIAL ROUND TRIP RATES TO JAPAN, VANCOUVER, AND BANFF.

Commencing 1st May, and continuing through the Summer, Return Tickets can by purchased to Banff, including Berth in Sleeping Car and Meals on the Railway journey from Vancouver, at the equivalent of £60. The Ports of Call are SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA, B.C., and VANCOUVER, and permission is granted to STOP-OVER at any Port and continue by a subsequent Steamer. Every facility is offered for breaking the journey at any intermediate places in British Columbia to make excursions into the Rocky Mountains.

BANFF.—This popular resort, charmingly situated amongst the Peaks and Glaciers of the Rocky Mountains, in the Canadian National Park, is justly celebrated for its natural Hot Sulphur and Mineral Springs, magnificent scenery, and clear, invigorating air. The large and well-appointed Hotel stands 4,500 feet above sea level, providing its guests with all modern comforts and luxuries, also a steam-launch, rowing boats and canoes for making excursions on the river and numerous lakes in the vicinity, where excellent fishing and shooting is obtainable. 671

Mails.



STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship *THAMES*, Captain E. DOWELL, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 12th August, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

This Steamer connects at Bombay with the Steamship *ROME*, leaving that Port on the 3rd September, for LONDON direct.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *viâ* Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Offices,
Hongkong, July 30 1897. 1504

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX,
VIA
PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 18th August, at Noon, the Company's Steamship *ERNEST SIMONS*, Capt. DE MAGNIENVILLE, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES *viâ* BOMBAY.

This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the s.s. *Vale de la Oise*, which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails, leaving that Port on the 19th August, direct to SUEZ, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES.

Cargo and specie will be transhipped for London as well as for Marseilles, and will be passed through Marseilles for the whole Steamer's Cargo.

Shipping Orders will be granted to Noon.

Cargo will be received at Godowns until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 4 p.m. on the 17th August, (Parcels must be marked and on board), when same will be signed for at the Company's Office.

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For Freight, Passage and all other particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Offices,
Hongkong, July 30 1897. 1505

Intimations.

Rowland's Odonto

An antiseptic, preservative, and aromatic dentifrice, which whitens the teeth, prevents and arrests decay, and sweetens the breath. It contains no mineral acids, no gritty matter or injurious astringents, keeps the mouth, gums, and teeth free from the unhealthy action of germs in organic matter between the teeth. Is the most wholesome tooth powder for ladies and children, and being most beautifully perfumed it is a perfect toilet luxury for ladies who value the appearance of their own and their children's teeth. 2s. 9d. per box.

ROWLAND'S MACASSAR OIL

Has been known for 100 years as the best preserver and beautifier of the hair, it prevents it falling off, or turning grey, strengthens weak hair, and eradicates scurf and dandruff; it is unsurpassed as a brilliantine for the beard and moustaches, to which it imparts a soft and silky appearance. It is also sold in a golden colour for fair-haired children; it is most exquisitely perfumed.

ROWLAND'S KALYDOR

A soothing and emollient milk for the face, and is most cooling to the skin in hot climates; it removes freckles, tan, sunburn, roughness and redness of the skin, pimples, cutaneous eruptions, &c., and produces soft fair skin, and a lovely delicate complexion; it is warranted free from any mineral poisons and is absolutely harmless. Bottles, 2s. 3d. and 4s. 6d.; sold by Druggists and Stores.

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A TERRIBLE COUGH.
A TERRIBLE COUGH.
A TERRIBLE COUGH.

"31 Commercial Road, Peckham, July 12.

"Dear Sir,—I am a poor hand at expressing my feelings, but I should like to thank you. Your lozenges have done wonders in relieving my terrible cough. Since I had the question of 'Tracheotomy' (the same as the late Emperor of Germany, and unlike him, thank God, I am still alive) performed at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, no one could possibly have had a more violent cough; it was so bad at times that it quite exhausted me. The mucous, which was very copious and hard, has been softened, and I have been able to get rid of it without difficulty.—I am, sir, yours truly, J. HILL."

A DOCTOR'S TESTIMONY.
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"South Park, Cardiff, South Wales, Sept. 28, 1893.

"I have, indeed, great pleasure in adding my testimony to many published, pre-mention of Cough Lozenges, which I have observed now for the last eight years, in my hospital and private practice, and found it of great benefit. I often suffer from Chronic Bronchitis; your Lozenges is the only remedy which give me immediate ease. Therefore I certainly and most strongly recommend your Lozenges to the public who may suffer from Catarrh, Bronchitis, Winter Cough, or any kind of Pulmonary Irritation.—Yours truly,

A. CARRICK, M.D., L.R.C.P. and L.M. Edinburgh, L.R.C.S. and L.M. Edinburgh."

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In 1s. 1½d. tins, and since KEATING'S COUGH LOZENGES were first made and the sale is larger than ever, because they are unrivalled in the relief and cure of Winter Cough, Asthma, and Bronchitis' one cent gives relief.

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Keating's Cough Lozenges are the quickest remedy for COUGHS, COLDS, HOARSENESS, and SORE THROAT. In Boxes 1s. 1½d. each, of Chemists.

FOR SALE.

J. & B. STODART'S FINE, OLD WEST OF SCOTLAND Whisky.

By Dowie, Gadie & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloong shore *k.*, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

Section.
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From Kellett's Island to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	Anchorage.	*Captain.*	*Flag and Rig.*	*Tons nett.*	*Date of Arrival.*	*Consignees or Agents.*	*Destination*	*Remarks.*
Steamers.								
Ariake Maru	5 c	Asai	Japan. str.	1885	Aug. 6	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha		
Braemar	6 c	Porter	Brit. str.	2356	July 29	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Nagasaki, &c.	Aug. 10.
Chelydra	8 c	Cass	Brit. str.	1575	Aug. 5	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Chingtu	5 c	Innes	Brit. str.	1459	Aug. 7	Butterfield & Swire		
Chusan	5 c	Wendt	Ger. str.	624	July 30	Siemssen & Co.		
City of Rio de Janeiro		Ward	Amer. str.	3519	July 26	P. M. S. S. Co.		K'loon Dock
Else	3 c	Peterson	Ger. str.	903	Aug. 3	Meyer & Co.	Haiphong	Aug. 8.
Empress of China	5 h	Archibald	Brit. str.	3003	Aug. 3	C. P. R. Co.	Vancouver, B.C.	Aug. 11.
Esmeralda	3 c	Tayler	Brit. str.	966	Aug. 5	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Manila	Aug. 9.
Frogner	3 c	Gullicks	Norw. str.	719	Aug. 5	Wieler & Co.		
Gaelic	5 h	Finch	Brit. str.	2090	Aug. 5	O. & O. S. S. Co.	San Francisco	Aug. 14.
Haimun	5 h	Bathurst	Brit. str.	636	Aug. 3	Douglas Steamship Co.	Swatow, &c.	Aug. 8.
Hiusang	c	Puckett	Brit. str.	1546	Aug. 3	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Singapore, &c.	Aug. 11.
Hydaspes	5 c	Locker	Brit. str.	2911	Aug. 2	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Kagashima Maru	5 c	Thomson	Japan. str.	2652	Aug. 2	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Kobe	Aug. 12.
Kaisu	3 c	Somerville	Brit. str.	1157	Aug. 6	Butterfield & Swire	Swatow & Shanghai	Aug. 8.
Kriemhild	3 c	Germann	Ger. str.	1601	Aug. 6	Siemssen & Co.		
Krim	3 c	Iegens	Norw. str.	1117	Aug. 3	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Loksang	3 c	Lesk	Brit. str.	986	Aug. 7	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Lycemoon	3 c	Heinermann	Ger. str.	1258	Aug. 7	Siemssen & Co.		
Methven Castle	5 c	Hill	Brit. str.	1719	June 25	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.		
Mongkut	3 c	Calder	Brit. str.	869	Aug. 7	Butterfield & Swire		
Mount Lebanon	5 c	McLean	Brit. str.	1556	July 18	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.		
Namoa	5 c	Hill	Brit. str.	862	Aug. 6	Douglas Steamship Co.	Coast Ports	Aug. 9.
Nanyang	3 c	Lehmann	Ger. str.	983	Aug. 5	Siemssen & Co.		
Oak Branch	6 c	School	Brit. str.	2064	Aug. 7	Admiralty		
Paoting	5 c	Gyles	Brit. str.	1088	Aug. 7	Butterfield & Swire	Newchwang	Aug. 9.
Sabine Rickmers	5 c	Sanders	Ger. str.	589	July 28	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Santa	3 c	Voss	Ger. str.	2600	Aug. 2	Siemssen & Co.	Singapore	Aug. 10.
Shanghai	5 k	Bishop	Brit. str.	2163	Aug. 6	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	Aug. 9.
Skuld	3 c	Rafen	Norw. str.	914	Aug. 6	Carlowitz & Co.	Tientsin & Chefoo	Aug. 11.
Sungkiang	5 c	Dodd	Brit. str.	994	Aug. 4	Butterfield & Swire	Manila	To-day
Tacoma	5 c	Whistle	Brit. str.	1662	Aug. 7	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.		
Taichoong	3 c	Arhens	Ger. str.	820	Aug. 7	Meyer & Co.		
Taichiow	3 c	Primrose	Brit. str.	850	Aug. 3	Butterfield & Swire	Bangkok	Aug. 10.
Tetartos	5 c	Jorgolsen	Ger. str.	1812	Aug. 4	Siemssen & Co.		
Tritos	3 c	Dinse	Ger. str.	1033	Aug. 6	Tung Kee		
Yuensang	3 c	Waddilove	Brit. str.	1105	Aug. 6	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Sailing Vessels.								
Ancyra	2 k	Morris	Br. im. sh.	2198	July 29	Carlowitz & Co.		
Gr. Robie	8 c	Nichols	Amer. sh.	1627	July 5	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Heathbank	2 k	McKechnie	Brit. bqe.	1643	July 6	Standard Oil Co.		
Isaac Bird	2 k	Waldo	Amer. sh.	1189	Aug.	Standard Oil Co.		
Landseer	8 c	Stahl	Amer. sh.	1148	April 12	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.		
Lucy A. Nickels	2 k	Nichols	Brit. bqe.	1380	May 24	Standard Oil Co.		
Sierra Nevada	3 c	Scott	Brit. sh.	1400	July 30	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Spinaway	2 k	Johnson	Brit. sch.	327	July 21	Order		
West York	5 k		Brit. bqe.	688	Oct. 18	Order		
Willkommen	5 k	Freery	Ger. sh.	1635	July 17	Order		

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

August 6 h.—AT 4 P.M.

Station.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.	Rain.
W'fostock	29.75	64	—	—	0	or	—
Tokio	29.78	—	—	N	2	—	—
Kochi	29.83	—	—	E	2	—	—
Nagasaki	29.83	—	—	SW	4	—	—
Kagoshima	29.88	—	—	NW	3	—	—
Gutzlaff	29.76	83	87	SSE	3	cv	—
Sharp Pk.	29.75	84	81	E	6	c	—
Amoy	29.69	87	72	SE	3	b	—
Swatow	29.70	86	—	S	3	b	—
Canton	29.71	93	64	SW	1	c	—
Hongkong	29.70	86	74	SSE	2	c	—
Vict. Peak	—	—	—	ESE	1	—	—
Gap Rock	29.68	—	—	ENE	4	—	—
Macao	29.71	80	—	ESE	1	c	—
Haiphong	29.69	83	89	E	1	c	—
Bolinao	29.64	86	68	SE	1	cd	—
Manila	29.6	84	77	WSW	2	c	—
O.S. James	—	—	—	SW	7	cq	—

August 7th.—AT 10 A.M.

W'fostock	29.84	64	90	W	1	c	—
Tokio	29.90	—	—	E	2	—	—
Kochi	29.87	—	—	SE	2	—	—
Nagasaki	29.87	—	—	E	2	—	—
Kagoshima	29.91	—	—	E	4	—	—
Gutzlaff	29.80	81	87	SSE	3	cv	—
Sharp Pk.	29.74	85	76	N	2	c	—
Amoy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Swatow	29.71	85	—	NE	2	b	—
Canton	29.71	86	81	W	1	c	—
Hongkong	29.72	85	76	E	1	c	—
Vict. Peak	—	—	—	ENE	1	—	—
Gap Rock	29.70	—	—	NNE	3	—	—
Macao	29.72	89	—	S	1	c	—
Haiphong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bolinao	29.68	86	80	E	2	c	—
Manila	29.72	79	92	SSW	2	q	—
O.S. James	—	—	—	SW	6	cq	—

F. G. FISH, *Acting Director.*

Hongkong Observatory, August 7th, 1897.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths, and hundredths.
2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.
5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.
6. STATE OF WEATHER, *b* blue sky, *c* detached clouds, *d* drizzling rain, *f* fog, *g* gloomy, *h* hail, *l* lightning, *o* overcast, *p* passing showers, *q* squally, *r* rain, *s* snow, *t* thunder, *v* visibility of low (wet).

RAIN, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.—AUGUST 7, 1897.

Stocks.	*No. of Shares.*	*Value.*	*Paid-up.*	*Closing Quotations, Cash.*
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	$ 125	all	188 % prem.—$360, buyers
Bank of China & Japan, Limited preference shares	39,950	£ 5	£ 5	nom.
" ordinary "	196,875	£ 8	£ 2.10	nom.
" deferred "	1,250	£ 10	£ 1	£5
National Bank of China, Limited	...	£ 10	£ 8	£22½
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ld.	10,000	$ 250	$ 50	$180, sellers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ld.	24,000	$ 83.33	$ 25	78, sales
North-China Insurance Co., Ld.	5,000	£ 100	£ 25	187½
Straits Insurance Co., Ld.	30,000	$ 10	$ 20	$17½, buyers
Union Insurance Society, Ld.	10,000	$ 250	$ 50	$230, buyers
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ld.	8,000	$ 100	$ 60	$157½, sellers
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	20,000	$ 100	$ 20	$106, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	8,000	$ 250	$ 50	$360, sellers
DOCKS.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ld.	12,500	$ 125	all	239 % prm.=$429.75, sales and buyers
STEAMBOATS.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld.	5,000	$ 50	all	$76, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	25,000	$ 50	all	$66½, buyers
H.K. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld	80,000	$ 15	$ 15	$33½, buyers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	£ 10	all	$4.0½ sellers
China Mutual S. N. Co.	20,000	£ 10	£ 10	£7, buyers
Do. (new issue)	20,000	£ 10	£ 6	£5.10 £2.10
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	$ 100	all	$140
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	$ 100	all	$47½
WHARVES.				
H.K. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	20,000	$ 50	all	$66½
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited	2,600	$ 100	$ 37½	$44½, sellers
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	$ 100	$ 60	$75, sales
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	$ 5	$ 3	$10
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co.	25,400	$ 10	all	$8½
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	$ 50	$ 40	$27½, sellers
TRAMWAYS.				
H.K. High Level Tramways Co., Ld.	1,250	$ 100	all	$143, sellers
MINING.				
Jelebu Mining & Trading Co., Ld.	40,000	$ 5	all	$2, sales
New Panjom Mining Co., Ld.	60,000	$ 4	all	$½
" " Preference shares	30,000	$ 1	all	$2.15
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	12,000	Fcs. 500	all	$90
New Balmoral Gold M'ing Co., Ld.	50,000	$ 1	all	$1.75, sales and sellers
" " Preference shares	75,000	$ 1		$1.86, sales
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ld.	200,000	£ 1	13/10	$23½, sales
Olivera Freehold Mines, Ltd.	A 15,000 B 10,000 25,000	$ 5 $ 5 $ 5	$ 5 $ 2½	$20, sellers $6, buyers
PLANTING, ETC.				
China-Borneo Company, Ld.	7,500	$ 100	$ 50	nom.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited, in liq.	6,000	$ 50	all	in liq.
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Hongkong Hotel Company, Ld.	12,000	$ 50	all	$59
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	60,000	$ 10	all	$12.60, buyers
Dakin, Cruickshank & Co., Ld. in Liq.	30,000	$ 5	all	in liquidation
LIGHTING.				
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	$ 10	all	$110, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	$ 10	$ 6	$7.50, sales and sellers
BRICK AND CEMENT.				
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MISCELLANEOUS.				
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Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	$ 10	all	$8
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	6,000	$ 25	$ 2	$2½, sellers
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ld.	800	$ 5	all	$3, buyers
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	10,000	$ 7	$ 6	$6
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	$ 25	all	$113, sellers
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RUSSIAN PRISONERS IN SIBERIA.

The belief that exiles in Siberia, whether criminal or political, are treated with extreme cruelty is so deeply rooted in the public mind in England, and finds such striking expression in popular literature, that it will probably take a long time as well as many hard blows, to kill it. It would be difficult, however, for any unprejudiced person to read the account given the other day, to a representative of Reuter's Agency, by Lieutenant-Colonel Waters, of what he lately heard and saw, in this connexion, during a six months' journey across that part of the Russian Empire, without being convinced that, if it was ever justified by the facts, it has long since wholly ceased to be so. Colonel Waters, who is a Military attache to the British Embassy at St. Petersburg, and who performed his journey in mid-winter, not merely denies, in the most emphatic manner, the truth of current stories on the subject, but declares the treatment of all classes of prisoners to be exceptionally considerate. It might be objected that his official position was likely to stand in the way of his learning the unvarnished truth. But he assures us that there was no question of preparation for his approach. He caught up hundreds of convicts, whom he found travelling in comfort, smoking and singing on the road and conversed with them in their own language, and not only did he see no case of ill-treatment, but he did not even hear of one! In every instance, he says, the prisoners were well clothed and well fed, and, so far from dying, on the roadside, as, from the statements of certain writers, one might have expected to find them, any of them falling lame or becoming ill was placed in a carriage and driven to the nearest hospital. In the majority of cases, he adds, the exile is better off than he would be in his own home. The children who accompany their parents are given white bread and milk, till they are five years old, instead of having to live on black bread, as they would at home, and are clothed and well fed. Political prisoners are not confined or fettered and their heads are not shaved, while criminals, if of good behaviour, are released after a short time. Only murderers and dangerous criminals are chained, and even their fetters are padded, so as not to chafe the legs.—*Statesman.*

WAR INDEMNITIES.

The fact that every day is bringing nearer the time when Greece will have to face the question of a war indemnity gives point and special interest to a number of statistics which we give below bearing on former war indemnities, for some of which we are indebted to the *St. James's Gazette.*

The heaviest indemnity exacted by a victorious nation in recent times has been that of £2 0,000,000, which Germany demanded from France on the conclusion of the war of 1870-71, in addition, of course, to the retrocession of the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine. This amount was substantially in excess of the actual cost of Germany's operations, a large balance apparently having been treated in the sense of compensation for 'moral damage.' The time occupied by the campaign, from the entrance of German troops into French territory to the surrender of Belfort, may be taken as twenty-eight weeks. The official figures of the active forces were 781,000 at the commencement of the war and 937,000 at its close; so that for all practical purposes the German troops engaged may be stated at an even million of men; the total German losses are placed at 128,000, the killed alone numbering 29,000. Accordingly, the indemnity of £200,000,000 represented a payment of £7 per man per week, or a payment on account of each man killed of £1,600. 'At this rate,' our contemporary appropriately points out, 'Oom Paul would be paid, by the indemnity he claims for a force of 240,000 men engaged for a week or for a loss of 1,050 men.' In addition to this enormous payment, Germany has received others which, whilst they have not been on so lavish a scale, have nevertheless, been sufficiently liberal when the actual forces engaged and the losses sustained are taken into consideration. Prior to the war with France she had obtained £8,360,000 from Austria and her allies, as well as £750,000 requisitioned during the short campaign.

It is generally known that Germany took advantage of the French indemnity to retire from the company of the silver nations and establish a gold standard. From this payment she also replenished her war-chest, an important item in which is the £6,000,000 in minted gold coin which has been lying at the Julius Tower at Spandau ever since 1871. It is interesting to note that the loss to Germany in simple interest alone, reckoned at 2½ per cent on this hoarded specie during the years which have elapsed, is equal to £3,900,000 Other Continental countries—notably Russia and France—which are reputed to keep large sums of money instantly available in case of an outbreak of hostilities, must also suffer financially to a considerable extent in consequence of the non-productiveness of the gold coin stored away against contingencies.

Another indemnity of some consequence although the whole of it has not been paid, nor is likely to be paid, unless a commercial revival set in, the first symptoms of which are by no means apparent, is the £80,000,000 claimed by Russia from Turkey, over and above the sum of £51,000,000 demanded on account of losses sustained by Russian subjects in Turkey, as well as injury to Russian commerce. Russia disinterestedly offered to accept territory in lieu of the greater part of this, leaving only £32,000,000 in cash to be paid, without interest. A variety of circumstances conspired together to prevent her getting the territory, and she has accordingly had to remain content with a more or less doubtful prospect of eventually getting the cash. Presuming that the 'Sick Man' should ever sufficiently pull himself together and increase his earning capacity to such a degree as to enable him to pay what he owes, the indemnity referred to would compensate Russia at the rate of £15 per man per week. At the same rate, President Kruger might have had 1,340,000 men fighting for seven days.

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	ft. in.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Sun.	8	8 4	4 7	6.00 a. m.	—	—
Mon.	9	9 0	No Interior	higher	nor low-	water.
Tues.	10	10 0	No Interior	higher	nor low-	water.
Wed.	11	10 8	5 5	m 0.42	1 6	
Thur.	12	11 4	6 0	m 1.36	2 0	
Fri.	13	12 0	6 51	m 2.30	2 51	
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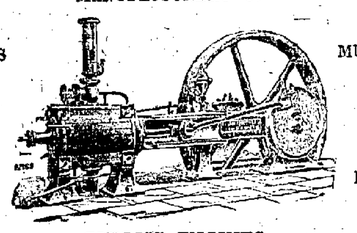
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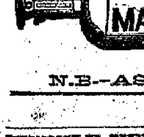
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" Corned,	catty	140	—	鹹牛肉
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" " corned	"	310	—	鹹牛利
" Head,	"	500	—	牛頭
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" Feet,	each	60	50	牛脚
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" Legs,	"	160	—	羊手
" Shoulder,	"	120	—	猪臟
Pigs' Chitlings,	catty	70	60	猪腳
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" Fry,	"	160	—	猪頭
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Veal,	catty	130	—	
Poultry.				生口
Chicken,	catty	220	—	雞仔
Capons,	"	260	—	閹雞
Ducks,	"	160	—	鴨
Doves,	each	140	—	鴿
Eggs, Hen	doz.	120	—	雞蛋
" Duck	"	110	—	鴨蛋
Fowls,	catty	190	—	雞
Geese,	"	160	—	鵝
Hares,	each	—	—	兎仔
Musk Deer,	"	—	—	麝香
Partridges,	"	150	—	鷓鴣
Pigeons,	"	150	—	白鴿
Pheasant,	brace	—	—	上海山鷄
Rice Birds,	doz.	—	—	禾花雀
Quail	each	—	—	鶉
Snipe,	"	—	—	白鷸
Turkeys, Cock,	catty	500	—	火鷄公
" Hen,	"	350	—	火鷄母
Teal,	each	—	—	水鴨
Wild Ducks,	pair	—	—	上海水鴨
Fish.				海鮮
Barbel,	catty	200	—	鯽魚
Bream,	"	80	—	鯇魚
Bombay Ducks,	100 pieces	250	—	孟珠魚
C'ton Fresh Water Fish,	catty	—	—	淡水雜魚
Carp,	"	80	—	鯉魚
Catfish,	"	—	—	赤魚
Codfish, Salt,	"	80	—	鹹鯧魚
Crabs,	"	160	—	蟹
Cuttle Fish,	"	80	—	鮑魚
Dab,	"	60	—	沙丁魚
Dace,	"	80	—	黃尾鰤
Dog Fish,	"	—	—	鯊仔沙
Eels, Conger,	"	—	—	海鰻
" Fresh water,	"	200	—	淡水鰻
Eels, Yellow,	"	180	—	黃鰻
File Fish,	"	—	—	剝皮魚
Frogs,	"	250	—	田雞
Fresh Fish,	"	80	—	鮮魚
Garoupa,	"	260	—	石斑
Gudgeon,	"	90	—	白蛉魚
Gurnard,	"	80	—	紅魚
Herrings,	"	120	—	青白
" smoked	box	—	—	熏白
Halibut,	catty	120	—	鹹魚
Labrus,	"	160	—	黃花魚
Loach,	"	140	—	鯰魚
Lobsters,	"	300	—	龍蝦
Mackerel,	"	—	—	鯖魚
Mon Fish,	"	—	—	鯪魚
Mullet,	"	140	—	烏頭
Oysters,	"	—	—	生蠔
Parrotfish,	"	160	—	鸚哥魚
Perch,	"	140	—	鱸魚
Pike,	catty	—	—	花鯽魚
Plaice,	"	—	—	鏟魚
Pomfret, White	"	220	—	白鯧
Pomfret, Black	"	140	—	黑鯧
Prawns,	"	250	—	明蝦
Ray,	"	50	—	老鼠沙
Rock Fish,	"	90	80	石狗公
Roach,	"	—	—	鯊魚
Salmon, (Canton),	"	220	—	馬友魚
Shark,	"	60	—	鮫魚
Salt Fish,	"	100	—	鹹魚
Skate,	"	60	—	鰩魚
Shrimps,	"	140	—	蝦
Snapper,	"	220	—	立魚
Soles,	"	160	—	龍沙魚
Tench,	"	—	—	鯉魚
Turbot,	"	140	—	左口魚
Turtles, small, fresh water,	"	350	—	烏龜
Whiting,	catty	70	—	長恩
White Bait,	"	90	—	銀魚仔
Fruits.				菓子
Apples, (California),	catty	—	—	金山平菓
" (Tientsin),	"	100	—	天津平菓
" (Japan),	"	—	—	日本平菓
Bananas, fragrant,	"	40	—	香蕉
" (brides),	"	50	—	山香蕉
Chestnuts, Chinese,	"	150	—	栗米
Carambola,	"	120	—	楊桃
Cocoanuts,	each	50	—	椰子
Ground Nuts,	catty	90	—	花生
Grapes,	"	170	—	鮮葡子
Lemons, China,	"	100	—	檸檬
" Peel,	"	—	—	檸餅
Lichees, Dried,	"	260	—	荔枝乾
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Limes,	"	—	—	柠檬
Mango, (Saigon),	each	—	—	安南芒菓
" (Manila),	"	—	—	呂宋芒
Mangosteen,	dozen	—	—	山竹子
Oranges, Sweet,	catty	—	—	新會甜橙
" Green,	"	50	—	青橙
" Red,	"	—	—	紅桔
Olives,	"	—	—	白欖
Pine-apples,	each	60	—	本地菠蘿
Pears,	catty	60	—	沙梨
" (Tientsin),	"	300	—	天津雪梨
Plum, Red,	"	60	—	紅李
Pumelo,	each	—	—	柚
" (Siam),	catty	70	—	暹羅柚
Peach, (Sweet),	"	—	—	蜜桃
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Walnuts,	"	130	—	合桃
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Artichokes, Shanghai,	catty	—	—	上海丫洁竹
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" Long,	"	40	—	豆角
Beet Root,	each	20	—	紅菜頭
Brinjals, Green,	catty	30	—	青茄子
" Red,	"	30	—	紅茄
Brassica,	"	40	—	白菜
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Cabbage, Chinese com.	"	30	—	芥菜
Cabbage,	each	100	—	椰菜
Cauliflowery	"	—	—	椰菜花
Carrots,	catty	80	—	金筍
Celery, Chinese,	"	150	—	西芹菜
" English,	"	—	—	洋芹菜
Chilies Dried	"	130	—	辣椒乾
" Red,	"	60	—	紅辣椒
Curry Stuff, English,	"	40	—	加爾加利
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Bitter Squash,	"	30	—	苦瓜
Garlic,	"	40	—	蒜頭
Ginger, young,	"	10	—	新子薑
Horse Radish, S'hai,	"	120	—	刀根
Indian Corn,	piece	30	—	粟米
Lettuce, (English),	each	10	—	洋生菜
Mushrooms, Fresh,	catty	—	—	生草菇
Onions, Bombay,	"	60	—	洋葱頭
" Green,	"	30	—	生葱
" Shanghai,	"	50	—	上海葱頭
" Japan,	"	40	—	日本葱頭
Okroes,	"	50	—	毛燕
Parsley, English,	bundle	10	—	洋荽
Potatoes, Sweet,	catty	20	—	番薯仔
" Shanghai,	"	40	—	上海番薯仔
" Japan,	"	30	—	日本番薯仔
" American,	"	—	—	花旗番薯仔
" Foochow,	"	—	—	福州番薯仔
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Pumpkin,	"	20	—	番瓜
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